

To whom it may concern:I am a subscriber to XM Satellite Radio. While I live in a great AM/FM radio market, I chose to spend money to install the necessary equipment in my vehicle and home, as well as pay a monthly subscription fee for XM content.

I chose to do this for the same reason millions of households choose cable television over standard broadcast - choice. No matter what genre of music, information, or news I am in the mood for, I can likely find on XM radio. I find it to be money well spent every month.

Recently, XM began providing local traffic and weather information. This itself is almost worth the monthly fee by itself. Prior to XM offering this service, I would listen to a local AM news station traffic report. It was only broadcast once every 10 minutes and is not nearly as detailed as the report XM now provides me with. My other alternative was to dial my cell phone to use a local SmartTraveler service, which, while useful, was somewhat inconvenient as route numbers had to be entered by hand to get a report. That is simply too dangerous while driving.

This evening I was made aware of the NAB's petition (04-160) to prevent XM radio from offering local content. I urge you to reject this petition as it limits consumer choice and removes an extremely valuable public service.

Sincerely,

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